

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1042

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jessica Jarnigan on her selection as Russellville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Jarnigan is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jarnigan has been selected as Russellville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a fifth-grade teacher at Russellville Elementary School, Jessica Jarnigan is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jarnigan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in K-6 from Tusculum College and a master's degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, an educator for ten years, she is currently teaching her second year of fifth grade; she previously taught third and fourth grades; and

WHEREAS, having served on numerous committees, Mrs. Jarnigan assists with safety patrol, tutors before and after school, and helps students prepare for the Scholars' Bowl; she also serves on Russellville's "Care Team," in which her role is to work with other teachers to plan treats and activities to boost staff morale; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love she shares with her husband, Craig, as well as their children, Mackenzie and Logan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jarnigan serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Jarnigan truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jessica Jarnigan on being chosen as Russellville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.